*328-A. [*The questioners (Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya and Shri Ram Naresh Kushawaha) were absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 38-39 infra.]

*329. [*The questioner (Dr. C. Silvera) was absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 39-40 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 330.

Delhi Council for Child Welfare Project

†*330. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:‡
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Council for Child Welfare Project for working children which was started sometime in 1982 with the assistance of the UNICEF is in shambles;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the working of the project to find out its shortcomings; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The project for working children in Delhi was started in 1982 by the Delhi Council for Child Welfare on an experimental basis, with financial support from UNICEF. The project rendered medical care, nutrition, non-formal education, recreation and vocational training to poor and abandoned children working as ragpickers. Government have neither sponsored nor financed the project.

†Previously Starred question 250, transferred from the March, 1986.

‡The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Virendra Verma.

According to UNICEF and the Indian Coucil for Child Welfare, the projec is not in shambles.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : माननीय मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह सेंटर जनाना बाग में प्रारम्भ हुआ था और 60 लड़के इस में हो गये थे । फिर इस को कुदसिया गार्डन में शिफ्ट कर दिया गया और लड़कों की संख्या घट कर 14 रह गयी । तो माननीय मंत्री जी क्या बतायेंगे कि किस वजह से इस को जनाना बाग से कुदसिया गार्डन में शिफ्ट किया गया और क्या यह सही है कि जिन लड़कों की संख्या घटी है उन से टट्टी साफ करने और कपड़े धोने और धुलाने का काम लिया जाता था और उन को गालियां दी जाती थीं इस लिये लड़कों की संख्या घटती चली गयी ?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, as I said, this is an organisation which has not been started with our permission. It is an organisation which is running on its own. We are neither financing it or have we given permission. Therefore, the reasons for shifting from one place to another I do not know.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस योजना में यूनिसेफ का या दिल्ली एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन का या गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया का जो कोई रुपया लगा है ? तो यूनिसेफ का कितना रुपया लगा है और क्या यह उन की जानकारी में है कि मिसेज सोयन वहां पर इसकी प्रिंसिपल थीं या इस के कार्य का संचालन करती थीं ।उन को हटा दिया गया जब कि उन्होंने कई लड़कों को, 14, 15 लड़कों को वोकेशनल ट्रेनिंग भी दी थी । तो उन को किस कारण से हटाया गया और कितना रुपया इस पर खर्च किया गया ?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: As I said in the beginning this is an organisation which is a private organisaton Now, the UNICEF has given them some money. According to the figure available with me the total grant received from the UNICEF was Rs. 67,239,55. This is the total money which they have received from the UNICEF. This is the only information that I have got.

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Delhi Administration?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: No.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : मान्यवर, मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूं कि इस तरह की कितनी संस्थाएं देश में चल रही हैं जो बच्चों के प्रशिक्षण के नाम पर बच्चों का शोषण करती हैं और सरकार को इसका कोई इल्म नहीं है ? क्या ऐसी संस्थाओं को चलते रहने देने की सरकार की इच्छा है।

दूसरा प्रश्न मेरा यह है कि यूनिसेफ या कोई भी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संस्था हो जब किसी भी देश में पैसा लगाती है तो उसकी जानकारी भारत सरकार को रहती है। तो भारत सरकार ऐसी संस्थाओं की जांच पड़ताल क्यों नहीं करती ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 331. Hon. Member absent.

*331. [*The questioners (Dr. Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi and Dr. Bapu Kaldate) were absent. For answer* vide *col.* 40 infra.]

Import duty on race horses

*323. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:†

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is liberal import of about a hundred race horses annually at the cost of the Indian horse breeding industry;

(b) what is the rate of import duty on race horses at present and what is the total foreign exchange expended on such imports during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government propse to protect the horse breeding industry by restricting the import of race horses?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No, Sir. There is no policy for import of race horses.

(b) (i) The total duty leviable is 140 per cent of value CIFC (Cost, Insurance, Freight and Commission).

(ii) No foreign exchange has been expended on import of race horses during the last three years.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, my question has been misunderstood by the hon. Minister. What I have clearly asked is about the import of foreign horses for breeding purposes. I am aware of the fact that the horses which are meant for racing have been prohibited. That is all right, You have stopped the import of horses for racing. But you continue to import horses for breeding purposes. I have even got a letter from the Finance Minister in this regard. Every year, about 50 to 100 horses are imported and about Rs. 2 crores worth of foreign exchange is involved in the import of

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Suresh Kalmadi.